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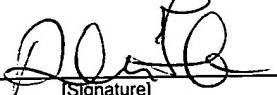
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: BRIXIU-10

In re Application of:	)
WOLFGANG BRIXIU et al.	)
Filed: Simultaneously Herewith	)
For: TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ADVANCING CONTAINERS, AND CURVE SECTION OF SUCH A TRANSPORT SYSTEM	)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A) which is cited in the instant specification and references B) to C). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 197 07 321 A1	Mannesmann AG
B)	Germany	DE 199 00 461 A1	Siemens AG
C)	Germany	DE 195 13 738 A1	Hugo Fritschi
			08-13-1998
			07-13-2000
			10-19-1995

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference B) describes a transport device in which two drive rollers (7, 9) are coupled with and face one another. Both drive rollers exert a uniform driving force on the webs of a container (4) so that the container is transported linearly and without jolts. The transport device has thus at least two parallel webs that comprise at least two parallel rows of castors (5, 6) on which the webs can run. The transport device includes at least one group of drive rollers (7, 9) for transmitting a driving force to the webs. The group of drive rollers includes one primary drive roller (7) and at least one secondary drive roller (9). The drive rollers (7, 9) are integrated into one row of castors (5, 6) and the primary drive roller (7) is driven by a motor (8). The drive rollers (7, 9) of the at least one group of drive rollers (7, 9) are coupled with one another in such a manner that the primary drive roller (7) drives or can drive the at least one secondary drive roller (9).

Reference C) describes guide rollers (9,10) which are rotatably mounted on a swivel axis (53) lying on or outside the extended rotary axis. The guide rollers are swiveled by setting members (57) on a curved path up to the rail head (13) or are swiveled up away from the rail head to a certain distance above same. Each guide roller sits on a bearing journal (50) which passes on the other side into a swivel part (51) on which the swivel axis is located and at the same time the swivel axis runs through a fixed base part (54) wherein the setting member is set on the

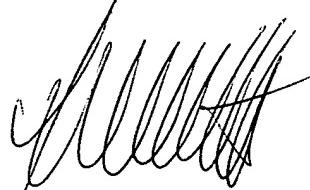
swivel part (51). The setting member can be a hydraulic or pneumatic cylinder floating above and between a pair of guide rollers.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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